

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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RAJKOT AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) sent a proposal to the Railway Authorities for acquisition of land for extension and upgradation of Rajkot Airport;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status of the proposal; and
- (c) the time likely to be taken by AAI to upgrade and extend the Rajkot Airport after acquisition of land from Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railways Authorities were requested to handover land admeasuring 14.7 hectares on lease for extension of runway to Airports Authority of India (AAI). Railway Authorities did not agree to it. However, the matter is being pursued with the Ministry of Railways.

(c) Upgradation works can be taken up only after the required land is obtained from Railway and after diversion of Rajkot- Jamnagar Highway by the State Government of Gujarat. Therefore, it is not possible to indicate any specific time line at this stage.